

# RESTRICTED (WHEN COMPLETE)

## WITNESS STATEMENT

(CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3) (a) and 5B: Criminal Procedure Rules 2005)

Statement of: ...Mark Downe, Dray House

Age if under 18: (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Over 18      Occupation: IT businessman

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This statement (consisting of 1 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it, anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true

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I'm Mark Downe and I haven't know Simon Sayers anywhere near as long as everyone else in this house.

My now wife, Sophie, introduced us when we became serious about each other and were talking about moving in together and getting married. I thought it was odd but Sophie still lives in the house they shared together, Dray House, even though she lives in what is basically a separate apartment. He was fine about it. Not a sign of jealousy. He just seemed really pleased that Sophie was happy.

The others in the house seemed less happy about having me around. Simon's second wife, Claire, had suggested to me that perhaps we should move and get our own place but Sophie didn't want to leave. And Claire's son seemed to have a real chip on his shoulder. I know he was volunteering at a homeless shelter but he didn't seem to have any interest in any real work.

He was often up late at night playing video games and his guitar as well. He tended to do this right under our apartment so I had a couple of clashes with him.

Mrs Cotton told me there were some photos missing from frames in the family room and she is right. They're photos of Simon—one from his wedding to Claire and another from his wedding to Sophie and a photo of him with Ben too. Not sure if that is important but if you find them let me know. I think Sophie would like to keep their wedding photo.

She's very upset.

I don't know the man at the bottom of the stairs and have no idea how he got in.

Signature *m downe*

Signature witnessed by: *Det Con R Armstrong*

Date: 4th February 2022